

WATER COMS.

Chairman Bray and Mayor McKeough Transact Routine Business at Last Night's Meeting.

The regular monthly meeting of the Water Commissioners was held last evening with Mayor McKeough and Chairman Bray present, W. D. Sheldon being out of town.

Chairman Bray read a communication from the ladies of the Ursuline Academy asking for a rebate. The matter was considered by the Board. A petition from A. H. Hutchison, Inches avenue, for water, was referred to the superintendent.

The matter of a rebate for Mrs. Hackney, which was referred to the superintendent, was brought up. Mr. Jones reported that the water had not been used for some time. The rebate was granted.

Hugh Macdonald was present and addressed the Board in reference to the water rate of the coming factory. Mr. Jones reported that in 1901 and previous years the rate had been \$6 per year, but in 1902 a meter was put on and it was found \$48 worth of water had been used.

Mr. Macdonald said he had been paying taxes in Chatham for 28 years while new industries were coming into town got just about what they asked. Dr. Bray—I think the city is too lavish in that way myself, but they pay us for it.

Mr. Macdonald said he understood the position of the Board.

The regular steam users rate of 12 1/2 cents was allowed.

The following accounts were ordered paid:

Garlock Packing Co.	\$45.93
Water and Gas Review	1.00
L. E. Coal Co.	327.91
Mueller Mfg. Co.	116.00
W. W. Turner	2.85
Park Bros.	20.41
James Cornhill	7.50
Buffalo Meter Co.	50.76
Statement of cash account for the month of January	
To cash balance in Bank	\$48.62
J. C. Wankless	24.00
City of Chatham	200.55
John Moore	3.50
Miner Water Co.	84.18
Dr. Rutherford	20.00
Drs. Holmes & McKeough	24.11
City of Chatham	40.72
Wm. Gray & Sons	224.28
Meter rentals	2.50
Turning off	2.00
Water sales	1285.62
Water sales paid Bank	61.24
	\$2411.32

By operating	\$789.70
By maintenance	4.18
By extensions	3.01
By extensions to house service	67.26
By balance in Bank	1597.07
	\$2411.32

JAS. C. WEIR,
Secretary-Treasurer.

ANNUAL MEETING

The L. O. L. County Orange Lodge of South Kent met in the Orange Hall, King street, Chatham, on Tuesday, Feb. 3rd, W. Co. Master Bro. Wm. Simpson in the chair. Bro. Wm. Miller, Charing Cross, in the vice chair; W. Co. Chaplain Bro. B. Boothroyd of 464, Thamesville, conducting the usual opening services. W. A. Master's report during the year was received with pleasure by the members. Recording Secretary's report shows a large increase in membership of the various Primary Lodges during the year.

The 12th of July demonstration was left over till the semi-annual meeting in June, but expects to celebrate in North Kent at Dresden.

After the usual routine of business and other important matters were gone through, the election and installation of officers was proceeded with, which was as follows:

- W. P. Co. W. M.—Bro. Wm. Simpson, Ridgeway.
- W. Co. W. M.—Bro. Alex. Longmore, Dover Centre.
- W. Co. D. M.—Bro. D. Campbell, Bothwell.
- W. Co. Chap.—Bro. Wm. Simpson, Ridgeway.
- W. Co. Fin. Sec.—Bro. D. Cromwell, Northwood.
- Co. Rec. Sec.—Bro. Wesley Shaw, Fletcher.
- Co. Treas.—Bro. B. Boothroyd, Thamesville.
- Co. D. of C.—Bro. George Bedford, Thamesville.
- Co. Lect.—Bro. S. Bicum, Blenheim.
- Co. Dept. Lect.—Bro. Wesley Sussex, Bothwell.
- Co. Dept. Lect.—Bro. Wm. Wood, Chatham.
- Co. Public General Hospital Com.—Bros. W. Shaw, A. F. Stephens, and Wm. Montgomery.

The above officers were duly installed by Past Co. Master Wesley Shaw.

A vote of thanks was tendered the retiring officers, which was duly received.

The attendance was the largest for a number of years.

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CANADIAN PRESS ASSOCIATION.

The Fight Against the Paper Combine—A Marconi Press Service—Use of Pacific Cable—Banquet.

Toronto, Feb. 6.—The business conducted by the Press Association at yesterday's meeting before the largest attendance in its history will make this an eventful convention. When President Dan. McGillivuddy took the chair in the council chamber of the Board of Trade he was surrounded by editors and publishers of the daily, weekly and monthly newspapers and periodicals of all parts of central Canada, and from as far east as Halifax. The feature of the morning was the address of the President, which contained some interesting comments on the relation of journalists to public men, and rejoiced at recent evidences of independence in Canadian journalism. Mr. H. J. Pettipiece, M.P.P., who has long taken an active interest in the association, was elected President for the coming year. It was decided to abandon the contemplated excursion to Great Britain this year, and several alternative projects were left with the Executive for consideration.

Among those present were:—H. J. Pettipiece, M.P.P., Forest Free Press; John A. Cooper, Canadian Magazine, Toronto; J. T. Clark, Secretary Treasurer, Toronto Star; J. Ross Robertson, Toronto Telegram; J. W. Bengough, David Creighton, Toronto; A. H. U. Colquhoun, News, Toronto; Andrew Pattullo, M.P.P., Woodstock Sentinel-Review; James Heverson, St. George's; A. McNeen, Windsor Record; J. R. McIntyre, Dundalk; H. P. Moore, Acton Free Press; Wm. Ireland, Parry Sound Star; A. E. Bradwin, Blyth Standard; J. C. Walsh, Montreal Herald; J. I. McIntosh, Guelph Times; H. T. Blackstone, Orillia Times; Rev. Dr. Withrow, Methodist Magazine, Toronto; D. F. Burk, Port Arthur; J. E. Atkinson, Toronto Star; Rev. J. A. Macdonald, Toronto Globe; Rev. G. J. Bond, Christian Guardian, Toronto; R. D. Warren, Georgetown Herald; W. L. Edmonds, Printer and Publisher, Toronto; B. McGuire, Orangeville Banner; C. H. Mortimer, Electrical News, Toronto; A. S. Forster, Oakville Star; J. A. Lambert, Mount Forest Representative; Acton Burrows, Railway and Shipping World, Toronto; H. A. Vandusen, Tara Leader; S. E. Carman, Belleville Ontario; L. G. Jackson, Newmarket Era; D. B. Taylor, Tweed News; J. H. Rutherford, Owen Sound Times; A. C. Woodward, Chatham News; A. E. Sutherland, Glenora; C. W. Rutledge, Markdale; R. W. Dillon, St. Mary's; W. H. Keller, Uxbridge; D. H. Price, Aylmer; W. D. McLean, Seaforth; J. J. Bell, Toronto; Jas. A. Tucker, Saturday Night, Toronto; W. E. Smallfield, Renfrew Mercury; J. B. Maclean, Montreal; N. Phelps, North Bay Times; James Acton, Toronto; Rev. Dr. Dewar, Toronto; M. A. James, Bowmanville Statesman; D. Williams, Collingwood Bulletin; W. R. Dunn, Halifax Chronicle.

The report of the Executive Committee referred to the attempt made since last meeting to secure a refund from the Dominion Government of the association's expenses in connection with the inquiry that proved the existence of a combine among the paper-makers. A deputation had gone to Ottawa, on sixty publishers signing a petition for a refund and for a reduction in duty on newsprint. The result was the refund of \$150 paid by the association to the stenographer for a report of the proceedings. To refund the expenses, the Government replied, would establish a precedent, of which other bodies could take advantage. The Executive had notified the Government that they proposed to renew its application for the costs incurred as it had undoubtedly a strong moral claim.

At the afternoon session the President read a letter from Sir Sandford Fleming, pointing out that so far not a single press message had been sent over the new Pacific cable, not even between England and Australia, and suggesting that the association urge upon the Government the opening of the cable free to press messages for, say, 500 words daily, for a period of three months, in order to build up a constituency.

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. C. T. Cook of the London (Eng.) Press Club, stating that a company was organizing there for the purpose of serving Canadian newspapers with a press service of interest to Canada, using the Marconi wireless system. It was hoped that press messages duplicated to several papers could be had at less than a halfpenny a word, and that a full morning and evening service could be sold at \$10 a week, exclusive of the cost of telegraphing, and for weekly papers at \$5 a week.

The annual banquet of the Canadian Press Association last night was one of the most enjoyable of the many pleasant reunions which mark annual business gatherings of the association. The meeting was thoroughly representative in its composition, men from the ranks of the daily, weekly and monthly press, secular, religious and commercial, mingled together and a spirit of camaraderie prevailed. Mr. Daniel McGillivuddy, President of the association, presided, and seated on his right and left were Hon. Richard Harcourt, Minister of Education; Messrs. J. P. Whitney, M.P.P., A. Pattullo, M.P.P., Jos. Downey, M.P.P., Geo. P. Graham, M.P.P., W. K. McNaught, G. R. Pattullo; W. R. Dunn, Halifax, N. S.; R. Matheson, Belleville, and G. C. Creelman. The vice-chairs were occupied by the Vice-presidents, H. J. Pettipiece, M.P.P., and A. Cooper. Stirring songs well sung by Messrs. Sturrock, Gadsby and others were interspersed with the speeches.

LAVAL UNIVERSITY.

Vatican Said to be Contemplating Some Changes.

Rome, Feb. 6.—The Vatican is contemplating placing the Catholic University of Laval, Quebec, under the jurisdiction of the Congregation of Studies thereby removing it from the jurisdiction of the Congregation of the Propaganda, as was done on January 12th in the case of the Catholic University at Washington.

WORLD OF SPORT

CURLING

FOR ONTARIO TANKARD.

The first round of the preliminaries in the western group for the Ontario tankard took place at the Windsor curling rink last evening. Detroit was pitted against Windsor and Thamesville tried conclusions with the Toledo curlers. The ice was in first-class shape and the games were exciting from start to finish. Windsor was successful in its game with the Detroit curlers, while Thamesville easily disposed of the boys from the town on the banks of the Maumee. Another series in this competition will take place this morning. The competition calls for 22 ends. Following is the result of last night's play:—

Rink 1—Windsor.
F. S. Evans,
D. L. Carley,
A. R. Bartlett, skip—22.

Rink 1—Detroit.
J. Kay,
A. T. May,
John Keen,
J. Williamson, skip—11.

Rink 2—Windsor.
John Reid,
James Anderson,
R. McDonald,
Dr. Ashbaugh, skip—29.

Rink 2—Detroit.
Joe Martin,
Dr. Jiefer,
John Ford,
Wm. McAdam, skip—9.

Rink 3—Thamesville.
George Higgins,
Hubbel,
J. Stuart,
G. J. Davies, skip—25.

Rink 3—Toledo.
Kummer,
W. Cambrie,
R. Richardson,
W. Merritt, skip—16.

Rink 4—Thamesville.
S. Cornwall,
W. Mayhew,
G. Dixon,
A. Nichols, skip—19.

Rink 4—Toledo.
Capt. Robertson,
W. W. Coldham,
J. Calder,
Dr. Coldham, skip—11.

HOCKEY.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

O. H. A. Junior.
Stratford 1 Woodstock 0
..... 10 Kincardine 8
Lacknow 13 Niagara Falls 0

Leading Wheat Markets.

	Closing previous day.	Cash.	May.	Cash.	May.
Chicago	82 1/2	82 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2
New York	82 1/2	82 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2
Toledo	78 1/2	78 1/2	77 1/2	77 1/2	77 1/2
Duluth	77 1/2	77 1/2	76 1/2	76 1/2	76 1/2
Milwaukee	77 1/2	77 1/2	76 1/2	76 1/2	76 1/2
Winnipeg	80 1/2	80 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2

NERVOUS PROSTRATION.

The Result of the Pain and Irritation From Hemorrhoids

Nervous Prostration is often the result of neglecting a case of hemorrhoids or piles. The pain and irritation attendant upon this disagreeable trouble inconveniences and annoys one, but it is possible to go to business and to do the ordinary day's work, so the trouble is neglected until the nerves become exhausted and the patient is a victim of nervous prostration.

Hemorrhoids cause a sensation of heat, tension and itching in a region where is located the most sensitive nerves of the human system and the continued irritation will eventually cause a collapse of the nerves. This would easily have been avoided if the patient had carefully treated the case of piles from their first appearance. No other trouble can be so quickly and safely overcome if treated in an early stage; and even if the case is an old one, there is a remedy which will set with remarkable results if faithfully applied.

The Pyramid Pile Cure is in suppository form and can be conveniently applied to the afflicted parts, the soothing oils and medication reaching and healing the enlarged hemorrhoidal veins of the rectum and acting at once upon the inflamed tissues.

Every sufferer from this trouble should send at once to the Pyramid Drug Co., Marshall, Mich., for their book on Piles or Hemorrhoids, which will be sent free. The Pyramid Pile Cure is so well known and the hundreds of cures it has effected that the little book is merely sent to give each patient a clearer view of his or her particular case and the proper treatment for it.

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Notice to Contractors

Sealed separate and bulk tenders will be received by the undersigned, until noon, Feb. 13th, for the erection of a brick block on King St., including heating, plumbing, metal work, etc. Plans and specifications can be seen at the office of T. J. Rutley & Sons, Architects. Tenders to be addressed to undersigned and left at the office of architects. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. A. SHELDON.

Ask for Minard's and take no other.

FIGHT WITH ROBBERS.

Desperate Battle in an Indiana Post-office.

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 5.—A desperate battle occurred between a posse headed by Postoffice Inspector S. C. Kile and four robbers in the little postoffice at Huntington, Ind., which the men attempted to rob. About seventy shots were fired, and it is believed two of the robbers were shot. However, all four made their escape. The search is still in progress.

The fight was the culmination of a six days' chase by Inspector Kile after the robbers, who have within the past few weeks entered several postoffices in southern Indiana.

OUR WHEAT IN GERMANY.

Could Not Be Proved That It Was Mixed With American.

Berlin, Feb. 6.—The customs controversy regarding American wheat, which, it was claimed, contained a mixture of the refunding of the extra duty. The committee of Hamburg and Berlin grain experts who were called in by the customs authorities, reported that it was impossible to prove cases where Canadian wheat was mixed with American. It is believed by the German shippers that the recent agreement with the American exchanges that Canadian wheat certificates must be marked "Bonded" will remove all causes for disagreements in the future.

ADA MCKENZIE'S DEATH.

Young St. Thomas Woman Takes Carbolio Acid.

St. Thomas, Feb. 6.—Miss Ada McKenzie, 23 years old, daughter of Mrs. Delia McKenzie of this city, died about 2 o'clock yesterday in the Amasa Wood Hospital from the effects of a dose of carbolio acid. Miss McKenzie for the last ten months had been employed by Mrs. W. Mickleborough, Centre street. About 12:30 she was found in her room, suffering great pain, having taken a dose of carbolio acid, it is supposed, in mistake for other medicine.

Formerly Consul at Guelph.

Utica, N. Y., Feb. 5.—Hon. Loton S. Hunt, for many years United States Consul at Guelph, Ontario, and Miss Alice McFarland of New Hartford were married at that place this afternoon.

SETTLEMENT BLOCKED.

New Turn in the Venezuelan Negotiations.

Washington, Feb. 6.—Irritated by the note of Minister Bowen, the Venezuelan representative addressed to the British Ambassador Monday last, refusing to accept the allies' proposal for a scheme of preferential payments, by which Great Britain, Germany and Italy were to receive 20 per cent. of the Customs receipts of La Guaira and Port Cabello, the allied powers have instructed their representatives here to submit the question of preferential treatment to President Roosevelt, and in the event he declines to act as arbitrator, to take this, and positively the entire Venezuelan controversy, to The Hague for settlement, thereby breaking off the negotiations with Mr. Bowen.

Glanders in Horses.

Bolton, Feb. 5.—(Special.)—Two horses were affected with a peculiar disease on the farm of Patrick Kennedy, Jolytown, King Township. Mr. J. G. Gibson, V.S., was called, and diagnosed the disease as glanders. Both horses were promptly destroyed by order of the court.

TELEGRAPH BREVITIES.

Fire did serious damage at Sydney, C.B. A case of smallpox has developed at Heppier.

It is proposed to extend the Canada Atlantic Railway to Saint Ste. Marie.

The Berlin & Preston Street Railway extension to Berlin has been completed.

The dispute between Brazil and Bolivia as to the sovereignty of Acre is assuming a critical phase.

North York Conservatives nominated Mr. T. Herbert Lennox for the Legislature in opposition to Hon. E. J. Davis.

The Hamilton summer carnival will begin August 17, and the committee is asking the City Council for \$5,000 towards it.

The New Brunswick Legislature has been dissolved, and a new election will take place on Feb. 28. Nominations on the 21st.

Four Milwaukee firemen are dead and several seriously ill as the result of inhaling the fumes of nitric acid during a fire.

The Manitoba Government has decided to build a \$75,000 wing to the Brandon Asylum, and a \$75,000 land titles office in Winnipeg.

The historic hill of Tara, Ireland, was sold at auction, and realized the sum of \$18,500. The purchaser was a lady, whose name was not announced.

An investigation into the "macing" of officers by a mock court-martial has resulted in the forced retirement of Colonel Kinloch of the Grenadier Guards.

The Canadian General Electric Co., Toronto, and the Watersons Engine Co., Brantford, have given \$500 and \$400 respectively to the new engineering laboratory of Queen's University.

Lieut. A. M. Calderon of the Governor-General's Foot Guards, Ottawa, who brought charges against his commanding officer, has been removed from the list of officers of the active militia.

An unsuspected outbreak of smallpox has been reported from Hallowell Township in Prince Edward County. A case is also reported from the Township of North Easthope, Perth County.

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BARGAINS IN REEFERS

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Men's heavy brown Frieze Reefers, regular price \$4.50 for \$2.95.	Boys' black curl cloth Reefers, regular price \$3.75 & 4.00 for 1.50
Men's black, curl cloth velvet collar regular price \$6.00 for \$5.00.	Boys' grey frieze Reefers, regular price \$3.00 & 3.50 for 2.00.
Young men's Reefers, regular price \$3.00 for \$2.00.	Boys' fancy Overcoats, regular price \$5.00 for \$3.95.

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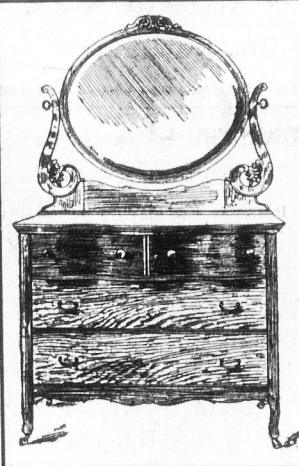
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LOCAL LEGAL

At sittings of Divisional Court before Boyd, C., Meredith, J.

Stewart vs. Scott.—F. C. Cooke, for defendant, appealed from the judgment of the senior Judge of the County of Kent, in favor of plaintiff. The action was brought on a promissory note, made by the defendant in favor of the Spragge Mercantile Agency, and endorsed by the agency to the plaintiff, a private banker. The note was not one for which cash was advanced, but was one of the ordinary notes taken by the agency as security in the collection of accounts, and on which the collections made were to be applied. The defendant alleges that fraud and misrepresentation were used by the agency to obtain the note from him, and also that the plaintiff, the transferee, had notice of such fraud

and misrepresentation at the time of discounting it. J. H. Moss, for plaintiff, contra. Appeal allowed and new trial ordered. Costs of former trial and of this appeal reserved.

FOR "SUNDAY DINNER."

Try a cup of Red Rose Tea, the tea which was used by our future King and Queen. If you do, you will perhaps enjoy your dinner better. (The grade of Red Rose served to the Royal Party was the Gold Label; 60c. per lb.)

A. O. U. W.

A large attendance of the Workmen is requested to attend their regular meeting this (Friday) evening to make final arrangements for their concert on Feb. 19th.

Visiting Brothers Welcome!
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